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TEAS, &c.

L. ROUSMANIERE,
No. 2, Market-square,
Has for Sale,

YOUNG Hyson, Hyson-skin and Souchong TEAS, fresh and of an excellent quality,
Green Coffee
Muscovado Sugars
Molasses
Mess Pork—Prime Beef.
Newport, Dec. 18.

FRESH FLOUR.

200 Bbls. and 50 half Barrels Fresh FLOUR, for Sale by CHRIS. FOWLER.

Who has to Let,

The Store No 134. Thames-street, lately occupied by Mr. *Wm. S. Nichols.*
Newport, Dec. 11.

Bridgewater Collection,
Seventh Edition.
School-Books, all-kinds
Writing-Paper,
Of the first Quality.
Almanacks, for 1820.
Friend of Peace.
In Sets or Single.
For Sale, by
JAMES HAMMOND.
Newport, Dec. 11.

IRON

Robert Robinson,
Has for Sale,

BEST Swede's IRON, well assorted, from 1-2 inch square bundle iron, up to 1 1-2 inch square, different sizes;—and from 1 1-4, 1 1-2, 1 3-4, 2 inch, 2 1-2 2 3-4, and 3 inch flat, and a few Tons of 4 inch flat axe bar Iron, by 5-8 inch thick.
Newport, Nov. 20.

IRON

75 Tons Swedes' Iron, from 1 1-4 to 3 inches flat, and 7-8 and 1 inch square.—Imported in the Ship Robinson Potter, and for Sale by
SAMUEL WHITEHORNE.
Newport, Oct. 2

MOLASSES,

J. C. SHAW,
Offers for Sale,
60 Hhds. Retailing MOLASSES, just imported in the Brig Brutus, from Cayenne.
Newport, Nov. 20.

SINGING-SCHOOL.

IT is requested, that any Lady or Gentleman who may wish to attend the SCHOOL lately commenced for Instruction in Sacred Musick, would make application previous to the 20th Instant, as the Subscriber can admit no one after that time.
SWAN L. POMROY.
Newport, Dec. 18.

WINTER GOODS

JAMES HAMMOND,
In the North Wing of the R. I. U. Bank
Has just received a supply of
Fresh Goods, viz.

CLOTHS, Cassimeres, and Skins for PELISSES.
Salisbury, Welch, English and Pelise FLANNELS.

Broadcloths	Bombasins
Cassimeres	Bombazette
Vestings	Shawls
Coatings	Crapes
Blankets	Hosiery
Baizes	Gloves
Devon. Kerseys	Cotton Shirtings
Scotch Plaids	Irish Linens.

ALSO, a general Variety of
DRY GOODS.
CARPETINGS,
Books,----Stationary,
Paper-Hangings,
Looking-Glasses,
Fire Furniture,
Fancy & Household Hardware, Brushes, &c.

The Circulating LIBRARY,
Of between 3000 and 4000 Volumes, continues with the addition of New Works as usual
Newport, Nov. 6.

NEW GOODS

J. SHERMAN,
Has just Received, and is now Opening,

BALES and Packages of DRY GOODS, comprising an Assortment of almost every kind suitable for the present and approaching Season.—Among them are, Double mill'd drab BROADCLOTHS, for Great Coats, some real excellent, stout and fine; Wool Blankets of the largest size; Drab and other colored Cassimere Shawls, &c &c
Just received,
Russia Window Blinds.
Newport, 4th of 11th mo.

Bank of Rhode-Island.

THE Stockholders are notified, That pursuant to Charter, their Annual Meeting for the choice of Directors will be holden on MONDAY, the 3d of January next, at 3 o'clock P. M. at their Bank.

ALSO, That a semi-annual Dividend will be declared and paid on SATURDAY the first day of January next, to such persons as shall appear by the Books of said Institution to be Stockholders therein on THEIR the 30th of December instant, according to the Stock then standing in their names respectively.

By order of the President & Directors,
W. MANT, *Cashier.*
Newport, Dec.

Rhode-Island Union Bank

A SEMI ANNUAL dividend will be declared on MONDAY, the first day of January, and paid on that and every following day, during Bank hours (unexpired) to the Stockholders whose names shall stand on the books of the Institution on the 23d inst. or to their representatives on which day transfers of Shares cease until the aforesaid January.

By order of the President & Directors,
JOHN L. [illegible] *Cashier.*
Newport Dec. [illegible]

New-England Commercial Bank

THE Stockholders of this Institution are notified that their Annual Meeting for the choice of Directors, will be on [illegible] Jan 4th 1820, at 11 o'clock A. M. at their Banking Room

And that a Dividend declared and paid on and after Saturday Jan. 1st 1820, to those who are on the books to be holders of Stock Dec 24th.

By order of the President & Directors
W. I. DELLINGHAM, *Cashier.*
Newport, Dec. 15.

NEW GOODS,

Purchased at the late Auction Sale in Providence, and offered at very reasonable prices, by
E. W. LAWTON,

A PART of them are DRAB CLOTHS, suitable for Great Coats very cheap.—Pelisse Cloths and Cassimeres, Coatings, Plaids and Beetings; Bombazette; men's and women's black worsted and other Hosiery, a great variety; scarlet and crimson printed Salisbury Flannels; common ditto, all colours; British steam loom and madapollam Shirtings; Linen, table and narrow Diapers; Cassimere Shawls, plain and printed; Real Merino and imitation do. One case bleached American Shirtings; One do unbleached do cheap—With his usual assortment of other articles.

ALSO,

An Assortment of Fresh Teas; a few bbls superior Buckwheat Flour; fresh Raisins, spices, sugar, coffee, &c.

As above,

A constant supply of *Oil Cake Meal,* a convenient and cheap food for Milch Cows and other Cattle, at $1 50 per 100 lbs.
Newport, Dec. 11.

JOSIAH C. SHAW,

Has just received and for Sale,

IN addition to his former Stock of Writing PAPER, which is very large,

Fifty Reams Cap Paper,

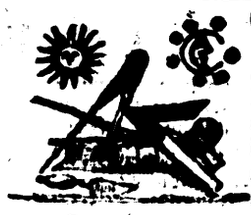
Suitable for retailing, which he will sell at the *very low price* of Three Dollars per Ream—Look at it.

Also received within a few days,

The Life of Alexander Smith, of the Island of Pitcairn, one of the Mutineers on board his Majesty's ship Bounty, commanded by Lieut. Bligh—written by himself.

Also, Trumbull's History of Connecticut, 3 vols.—Life of Mrs. Graham.—Tales of my Landlord, &c. &c.
Newport, Dec. 11.

MASONIC NOTICE,



THE Members of St. John's LODGE No. 1, Newport, are respectfully invited to attend at their Lodge Room on MONDAY EVENING, the 27th instant, at 6 o'clock, for the express purpose of choosing the Officers for the year ensuing.—Visiting Brothers will be admitted as usual.

By order of R. W. M. JOHN L. BOSS,
JOHN HANDY, *Secretary.*
Newport, Dec. 11, 1819.

STOVES.

GEORGE ENGS,
At his Hardware Store, Sign of the Golden Eagle, No. 137, Thames-Street, offers for Sale

POSTLEY's and WILSON's Patent Cooking STOVES, of various sizes and patterns, furnished with utensils to suit purchasers.

Wilson's Improved Franklin do. do. some of them very handsome.

Common Box do. do.

Philadelphia nine-plate elliptic Ditto, procured of any size that may be wanted, at short notice

ALSO,

Stove Pipe, Sheet Iron, and his usual full Assortment of HARDWARE and CUTLERY.
Newport, Sept. 24.

H. RUGGLES,

Has for Sale on Lyon's Wharf
MASTS and SPARS, of all sizes,—*And.*
24,000 feet Oak Ship Plank.
Newport, August 20. 6m.

FOR THE NEWPORT MERCURY.

Meteorological Diary for November, 1819.

Nov.	THERMOMETER. 8 a. m.	2 p.m.	10 p. m.	WINDS.			WEATHER.
1	40	55	52	ENE	SSW	SSW	Clear clear clear light winds
2	58	61	51	SE	SE	WNW	Flying clouds cloudy light clouds
3	51	57	50		WNW		Cloudy clear broken clouds
4	52	59	49		N		Cloudy light thun & rain .62
5	45	53	42		NW		Clear clear clear brisk winds
6	37	00	42	WNW	WSW	S	Clear with hazy atmosphere
7	53	57	43		WSW		Hazy hazy clear
8	41	52	43		WNW		Clear clear cloudy
9	47	57	54	ESE	SSW	SW	Cloudy clear cloudy light w'ds
10	51	51	39	W	NbyE	NW	Hazy hazy cloudy
11	45	53	57	ESE	SSE	S	Cloudy cloudy cloudy
12	56	61	58		SW		Hazy hazy clear
13	56	52	37	WSW	NW	NW	Clear with bright aurora borealis
14	34	43	29		NW		Clear clear clear light winds
15	32	40	39	NNW	NW	W	Clear cloudy cloudy light winds
16	45	53	52	NE	E	EbyS	Light clouds drizzly light winds
17	59	65	56	SbyE	S	SbyE	Clear cloudy rain 77 brisk winds
18	46	56	42	NW	NW	NNW	Clear clear clear brisk winds
19	45	56	42		NNW		Clear clear clear brisk winds
20	36	49	42	NNW	SW.	N	Clear clear light winds
21	44	53	40		N		Clear clear clear brisk winds
22	32	44	38	N	NNE	NE	Clear cloudy light winds
23	42	55	40	SbyE	SSW	SW	Cloudy a little rain 9 clear
24	30	42	38		N		Clear light clouds flying clouds
25	44	51	45		SW		Clear cloudy cloudy
26	45	53	49		SW		Clear flying clouds strong winds
27	52	57	44		WNW		Clear clear clear
28	40	41	35	N	NNE	NE	Snow 1 1-2 inch cloudy b'k w'ds
29	34	33	29	N	NbyW	NNW	Cloudy clear clear light winds
30	33	38	40		SW		Clear lt. winds cloudy brisk w'ds

Mean temperature of the month	46° 67	Greatest variation in one day	19°.
Mean heat of the coolest day	32 2-3	Least	5.
Mean heat of the warmest day	60	Rain 1 48—1½ inch. snow redu: .30—1 78	

REMARKS.—In comparing this Month with the corresponding one of the two preceding years, we find greater variations of temperature in November of this year than in that of the last year; and much smaller differences of heat and of cold than in the same month of 1817. The coldest day of the month in 1818 was 4° 1-3 above, and its warmest day 0° 1-3 below, those respectively of the present year, whereas the coldest day of the month in 1817 was 8° below, and its warmest day 3° 2-3 above those respectively of the month we have just passed. Notwithstanding this difference, they approximate in the general result; the mean heat of the month in 1817, being 46° 09, in 1818 47° 83, and in 1819, 46° 67.

The Indian or St Martin's Summer began with the month, and continued, with only two short interruptions, to the 27th.—A peculiar haze, with some redness of the atmosphere, frequently occurred during the first half of the month. This phenomenon was observed in the middle and eastern States, along the shores of the Atlantic and in Canada. It was generally seen here while the south-west winds prevailed, and immediately after when they were succeeded by light winds from the northward. After the rain on the 17th, it appeared no more. From all these circumstances we conjecture, that this extensive mist was composed of the smoke which arose from the great conflagrations that have taken place in the forests of the interior country and of the evaporations from the earth, which mingled with those sooty exhalations as they were diffused by the winds through the atmosphere.—In the western parts of Pennsylvania, and in Ohio, this cloud of smoke and vapour was so dense as to affect the nose, the eyes, and the lungs. Here, it was offensive to none of the senses, for it was so attenuated by its expansion, that no odour was perceptible.—But its effect on the heavenly bodies drew every one's attention;—the Sun shorn of his beams resembled a full Moon, and at night not a Star could be seen, yet the Moon red and well defined, kept in full view her solitary course.

REMOVAL,

William H. Rathbone,
Informs his Friends and the Public,

THAT he has Removed from his former stand, to the Store next north, at the head of Packet Wharf, where he has for Sale, a general Assortment of
Hardware, Cutlery, Ironmongery, Cordage, Naval Stores, Charts, Pilots, Navigation books & Nautical Intruments.

☞ Ship Stores put up, and every article necessary for the equipment of vessels, can be furnished at short notice
Newport, Dec. 1. 4w

Liverpool Earthen Ware

Archibald Munro, & Co.
Have just received,
50 Crates well assorted EARTHEN WARE, particularly selected for this market, consisting of
Edg'd and C. C. Dishes and Bakers, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 inches.
Edged and C. C. Plates
do. do. Twifflers
do. do. Muffins, 7, 6 and 4 inches.
Best blue printed Plates, Twifflers and Muffins
Do. do. Dishes, Bakers, &c.
Do. do. Teas, Bowls & saucers
Do. do. Jugs, 4, 6 12 24s.
Do. do Tea pots, sugars & creams
Do. do. Bowls, , 4, 6, 12 & 24s
Enameled Tea's, Tea pots, sugars & creams.
Do. Jugs, bowls, and bowls & saucers
C. C. Jugs, bowls, &c. &c.
Newport, Nov. 4.

GIN & SUGAR

WILLIAM CROOKE,
Has just received, and for Sale at his Store in Thames-street.
7 Hhds. & 30 Bbls.
Jencks' best Rye GIN.
3 Hhds. pure SPIRITS
ALSO,
A few Boxes Havanna white and Brown SUGARS, and
20 Boxes Hartford Mould CANDLES.
Newport, Nov 12.

HARDWARE

John D. Thurston & Co.
No. 170, Thames-Street,

HAVE just received and are now opening, an extensive Assortment of
Hardware & Cutlery,
Which they offer for sale on accommodating terms.—*Likewise constantly for Sale,* Nails, Brads and Tacks of every description, Sheet Lead, Steel, Hollow Ware, Brass Kettles, &c. &c.
Newport, Nov. 2

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having been appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate for the town of Middletown, Administrator (with the Will annexed) on the Estate of
Benjamin Gardiner, Esq.
late of Middletown, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons having any demands against said estate to present the same, and those indebted to make immediate payment to him.
JAMES S. GARDINER
(With the Will annexed)
Middletown, Dec.

MISCELLANY.

From the National Advocate.

Domestic Economy.

THAT a race of old Bachelors are a burden to society—are fit subjects for animadversion, for satire, nay, even for special taxation. I have never, for a moment doubted; I dont mean your old bachelors who, like myself, have neither talent nor attraction sufficiently powerful to engage the affections of a young lady—we are to be pitied—but I mean your superannuated beaus, venerable dandies, gentlemen of fashion in their grand climacteric, men having the means to marry without the inclination, men who remain single all their lives from the vanity of supposing that they can obtain any woman by the mere asking for her. The penny post, a few weeks ago, brought me a note, which ran thus: "*The Batchelor's Club make their respects to their colleague, Mr Howard, and notify him that they celebrate their anniversary on Wednesday next at the Bank Coffee-House—venison, wi h chaf g dish s, on table at four, together with a plentiful supply of Milly Nibo's twenty eight years' old Madeira.*" Shall I go, or shall I [illegible] to myself; I certainly dislike old batchelors, yet have I no aversion to venison and Madeira moderately—and as it is but once a year. I'll meet these members of the *ancient regime*, drink with them, laugh with them, take up the cudgels for matrimony, and who, knows but I may make a convert, though even on the shady side of fifty. The hope of doing good, and striking a pure spark out of rusty steel, determined me, and at four precisely I was there. Almost simultaneously, a beau of the old school, polished and polite, adoring the fair sex, yet still unmarried, made his *entree*, and after four or five modern bows, he squeezed me affectionately by the hand, and was rejoiced to see me. Here, thinks I, is a batchelor of unpardonable celibacy—he is no enemy to matrimony but has put off the day of *marriage* so long, that it now presents an awful aspect, and terrifies him, as the field of battle alarms the acknowledged coward. The room soon filled; there were some of overgrown fortunes, of moderate possessions, of fat and jolly persons, and of lean and lantherned visages—they were all well dressed, yet there was a certain something about their apparel that had the air of sluggish indifference, as if their wardrobes sighed for the superintending care of some kind female; one man's pocket handkerchief was unhemmed, the ends of another man's cravat were nibbled and ragged, here and there a few holes peeped from the cambric ruffles, and a straggling rent was perceptible in the heels of some stockings. How much care these "children of a larger growth" seemed to require—how solitary they appeared to me, although their faces were dressed with smiles. Nibio's bell soon announced the dinner, and to it they went—no ceremony, no compliments—appetite and epicurism united to pin attention to the well stored table, and the poor creatures, in all their movements, seemed to indicate the want of some female, whose daily presence might refine their manners, control their appetites, give a grace to their actions and a polish to their converse. The old wine, together with pipes and segars, made their appearance; and as the bottle went briskly round, and their old clay moistened, revived and invigorated, each man had something to say in praise of a batchelor's life. Marriage, says an old fellow, who owned twenty brick houses in the city—pshaw! what man would surrender his freedom—give up the joys of celibacy—subject himself to the eternal clatter of a woman tongue, and a host of old tabbies, in the shape of aunts—be stunned to death with squalling brats—harrassed with illness, accouchments, doctors' bills and christenings! Who would relinquish the happiness of being free, uncontrolled and untrammelled! Here am I, happy as a lord; I can drink as many bottles of Nibio's old stingo as I please; I can reel home, tumble myself in bed, boots and all; no wife to upbraid me for absence, scold me for a sot, or turn me from my pillow at eight in the morning; my ears are not stunned with her shrill tones, nor my eyes offended by her sour looks; old Phillis cooks my steak, makes my bed, smokes her pipe in peace, and is always glad to see me, drunk or sober—that's your sort:

> " A Batchelor leads a merry life,
> Few folks that are wedded live better."

Hey, Howard, what do you say? Am I right old Chronicle? Do you not say ditto?—No, sir, said I, with great gravity, I am not with you, I disapprove of your whole position, I do not say *ditto*—A forfeit, a forfeit, exclaimed the whole company—here's treason amongst us, a spy in our camp, an advocate for matrimony, fine him, fine him a bumper of salt water, a cold bath, no punishment is too severe for such alarming opinions; order order, gentlemen, exclaimed the chairman, let us hear his defence, let us treat him with decorum. Come, Howard, said Von Snarl, your reasons, your reasons, my boy. Why, gentlemen, said I, although aware that I was to dine with batchelors I was not prepared to meet a party hostile to matrimony—I myself am a batchelor, "tis true, 'tis a pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true," yet I cannot subscribe to the correctness of doctrines, such as I have just heard advanced. Man is a social being by nature; he was never intended to be isolated, floating through the world without ties of affection, of association, or of kindred; he has duties to perform to religion, to country, and to morality, and all these point to marriage as the great end by which they may be accomplished and fulfilled. You boast of freedom, of the joys of your table, of your unrestrained liberty; the savage, whose yell reverberates through the forest, is equally as free; he becomes infuriated by rum, and basks in the sun beams in dignified intoxication. No soul feels an interest for you, no soul dares molest him—so far you are equal; but the savage *Marries*, he roves through the woods with his wife by his side; he hunts the fleet deer because his wife partakes of his spoil and praises his dexterity; he teaches his boys to become warriors, familiarizes them to the bow and arrow and the pointed javelin;—the savage has social relations even in his moments of brutal intoxication, he is, therefore, your *superior*. If you have no wife to control or direct your movements, you have no friend who feels an interest for your health and happiness, who sighs for your griefs, who rejoices in your prosperity, who watches your pillow in the hour of sickness, who administers with her fair and soft hand the medicine for your health, and binds your brows, and soothes your agitation with the swet kiss of affection. If you are thus free, you have no children, whose growing virtues do honor to their sire, whose cheerful prattle blunts the dull edge of care. If marriage brings with it some privations, it amply compensates, by the additional comfort, confidence, mutual respect and influence, which it carries in its train. Why then rail at matrimony?—Instead of reeling home at night, and encountering the black visage of your wench as she opens the door for you, and you sneak through your dark hall to your comfortless and solitary bed, walk upright and soberly home, there meet the cheerful smile and cordial welcome of your wife, as she leads you to the ample fire, and there enjoy (what you never will if you retain your present sentiments) the social converse and innocent hilarity of a lawful and lovely companion.

The faces of the old batchelors began to "cream and mantle" as I took my hat to leave them, and as I closed the door, Von Snarl exclaimed, Harkee, sir, let us never see your rebellious face amongst us again.

HOWARD.

Sixteenth Congress.

IN SENATE, Dec. 13th.

THE Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury was received and read.

Messrs. Dickerson, Hunter and Dana were appointed on the joint library committee on the part of the Senate.—Adj

Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Pursuant to notice given, Mr. Dickerson moved for leave to introduce a resolution proposing an Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the mode of electing Electors of President, &c. and Representatives to Congress, by Districts, in each State.

Commercial Digest.

The President transmitted copies of a Digest of Commercial Regulations of those nations with which the U. States have Commercial intercourse, prepared and printed under the direction of the Executive, in pursuance of a resolution of the Senate, of March 3d, 1817; which message was read.—Adj.

Wednesday, Dec 15

A committee, composed of Messrs. Eaton, Roberts and Logan, were appointed to report on the expediency of paying for horses, &c. lost in the Seminole campaign

A bill to authorize the purchase of a number of copies of Binns' *Declaration of Independence*, was read twice

The joint resolution for amending the constitution of the United States, was referred to Messrs Dickerson, Trimble Brown, Elliot and Logan.—Adj.

Thursday. Dec. 16

The Senate proceeded to the appointment of the following Standing Committees.

On Foreign Relations.—Messrs Brown, Hunter, Macon, Barbour, Walker, of Geo.

On Finance.—Messrs Sanford, Macon, Dana, Eaton, Logan,

On Commerce and Manufactures.—Messrs. Sanford, Dickerson, Horsey, Ruggles, Burrill

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Williams, of Tenn. Trimble, Taylor, Tichenor, Elliot

On Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Pleasants, Parrott, Gaillard, Walker of Alabama Williams.

On the Militia.—Messrs. Noble, Stokes, Tichenor, Walker of Alabama, Lanman

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Smith, Leake, Burrill, Logan, Otis.

Mr. [illegible] offered a resolution respecting [illegible] of the [illegible], District Attornies, &c. [illegible] officers respectively [illegible] for limited periods, subject [illegible] as heretofore.—Laid on the table.

The Senate then adjourned to Monday.

House of Representatives,

Monday, Dec. 13.

Numerous petitions praying for additional aid to Domestic Manufactures, and for an uniform system of Bankruptcy, were presented and referred

A motion of Mr. Street, for making compensation for certain alledged losses by American dragoons on the Plattsburg frontier, was negatived without a division.

The Missouri Bill

A motion was made, that the House do go into Committee on the Missouri bill. But a motion to adjourn had the preference, and was agreed to.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

On motion of Mr. Lowndes, it was

Resolved, That the secretary of State be directed to report to this House what information he may be able to obtain, as to the regulations and standards for weights and measures in the several States, and as to the proceedings in foreign countries for establishing uniformity in the weights and measures; together with such a plan for fixing a standard for weights and measures for the United States, as he may deem proper for adoption.

MILITARY EXECUTIONS, &c.

Mr. Williams of North-Carolina, offered for consideration the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, any information he may possess, respecting certain executions or other punishments, which may have been inflicted on the Army of the United States, since the year 1815 contrary to the laws and regulations provided for the government of the same."

In offering this resolution, Mr Williams took occasion to refer to the reports in general circulation, on which his motion was founded and particularly to one case reported as the most aggravated. The report of it, he said, was to this effect. Col. King, who was left by Gen Jackson in command of Pensacola, issued an order, that if any soldier deserted, and was overtaken or apprehended, he should be put to instant death. One soldier who had deserted, was overtaken, and so put to death.—When apprehended, he exclaimed that, as an American citizen, he was entitled to a trial according to the laws of his country, and claimed his rights as such. But with cruelty and precipitance, his request was refused, and he was put to instant death. Congress, Mr. W. said, sat here as guardians of the rights of the people. But it was the weak, more than the strong, whose rights were the peculiar care of this House. If the facts he had stated on the authority of common report, were confirmed, a just punishment ought to await the offenders. Are the rights of an officer invaded said he, the alarm is sounded from one end of the country to the other; every feeling is roused in his defence! And when the case of the private soldier, weak and defenceless in his own cause, presents itself, should no one be found to stand up for him? Mr. W. hoped, he said, that there would be a thorough examination into the case, that if the officer in question had acted as reported, he might be exemplary punished; and if the report was not true, it was due to Col King that the statement should be disproved.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, said, he hoped the gentleman from North-Carolina would for the present, let the resolution lie on the table. He had heard, he said, that a Court Martial had been ordered on Col. King, on this very point. If so, he would be tried for his alledged misconduct by the proper test—the rules and articles of war. Should he not be punished for misconduct, if any had been committed, it was then time enough for this House to take it up. So long as there were laws, Mr. S. said, officers and soldiers were alike amenable to them for misconduct, and to the laws he would leave them.

Messrs. Smyth, Strother, Lowndes, Taylor and Mercer, said a few words each on the subject; and Messrs. Cobb and Williams both exonerated the Executive from any participation in the punishments inflicted

The motion of Mr. Williams was then adopted, without a division.—Adj.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONS.

Mr. Rich, of Vermont, moved the adoption of the following resolve:

"Resolved, That the committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to enquire into the manner in which the act of the 18th of March, 1818, has been executed; ascertaining as far as may be practicable, the class or classes of cases which it has been construed to embrace, and such as have been excluded from its provisions: whether the objects contemplated by its passage have been, or probably will be, effected by the operations of the law; and, if not, whether it be susceptible of such amendments as will insure the accomplishment of those objects; that, in case it shall be ascertained that, from fraudulent practices under the law, for which no effectual remedy can be applied, or from any other, cause, the original objects of it are unattainable, the said committee enquire into the expediency of its repeal."—The resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morton, it was.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire whether, in any case, further time, than is already prescribed by law, ought to be allowed for the redemption of lands sold for direct taxes, and purchased, pursuant to law, for and in behalf of the United States.

Restriction on Slavery.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of New-York.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution yesterday offered by him, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law the introduction of slaves into the territories of the United States west of the Mississippi

Mr Taylor said, it was not his purpose to go into any discussion of the merits of this proposition; nor, he believed, would any discussion assist the end he had in view. If a compromise of opposite opinions was to be effected, it appeared to him better that a committee should be appointed to examine into it, and make their report; and that the question should not be moved in this House until that committee should have expended their best efforts on this object

The question was then taken without debate, on agreeing to the resolution, and decided in the affirmative without a division, and a committee of seven members was appointed.

The order of the day on the Missouri bill was then postponed to the second Monday in January.—Adj

Thursday, Dec 16

System of Bankruptcy.

The Committee on the Judiciary reported a bill for establishing an uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States. Read twice, and committed.

The Committee of Claims reported, unfavorable to the petition of Samuel G. Adams. This report occasioned a debate. The petitioner commanded a detachment of militia during the war, and received the *due-bill* of a pay master for the amount of their pay, &c. and he asks Congress to assume the payment of it, as the act of a public agent. This was opposed on the ground, that it would establish a precedent for endless frauds. Messrs. Tyler, Williams, Pinkney, Rich, Brush, Holmes and Gross took part in the debate; but eventually the report of the Committee of Claims was concurred in.

Mr. Williams, of N. C. in the course of his observations remarked, that it was due to the state of the finances at this time—which he understood from the report of the Secretary, were now nearly exhausted, to guard against all lavish disbursements.—Adj

Friday, Dec 17.

EXPORTS.

A Statement was laid before the House of the Exports from the United States, during the year, ending on the 30th Sept. 1819.

The annual statement of the proceeds of the Direct Tax and Internal Duties, was also laid before the House.

Mr. Rich, of Vt. offered a Resolution for indemnifying the sufferers on the Niagara frontier, during the late war; ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Whitman, presented a Resolution, for requiring a statement of the expenses of furnishing the army of the United States, with rations for the year ending April 14, 1818.

Sales of Land.

Several Resolutions were offered on the subject of Public Lands. One of which by Mr. Robertson, of Ky. goes to enquire into the expediency of so altering the laws, regulating the sales of public lands, as that no credit shall be given thereon, and a less quantity may be purchased, and at a less price than is authorized by the existing laws.

Jury Fees.

A Resolution was agreed to, for enquiring into the expediency of increasing the pay of Jurors for the Circuit Court of the United States

A number of private bills were discussed in Committee of the whole house and passed stages.

Adjourned to Monday.

Mail Articles.

LOUISIANA.

NATCHITOCHES, NOV. 3.

From the Texas.

CAPT. BEARD, commanding the United States Troops on the Sabine, arrived here this morning, and confirms the report, that a detachment of about 200 strong of Spanish Royal Cavalry, had encamped on the opposite side of the river. They had manifested no intention of crossing the river; but enquired the motives of the government in stationing a force beyond the Rio Hondo.

The Texas Expedition is entirely broken up, and it is reported that Gen Walker and Capt. Crafford have been made prisoners by the royalists; if so, we may easily conjecture their fate.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, DEC. 10.

The Floridas.

We learn that orders were received at this post from government, directing that all the military force in garrison here be forthwith removed to Amelia Island. From other movements of a similar nature, in various parts of the Union, we have little doubt that a decisive blow will shortly be struck at the Floridas.

NEW-YORK.

NEW-YORK DEC. 18.

Gen. M'Gregor Again.

The papers of St. Thomas, to the 19th of Nov give accounts that the unfortunate Caledonian, Gen. McGregor, had met with another rubber at Rio de la Hache. About the 10th Sept. Sir Gregor attacked and captured Hache, with about 280 men; but after being in possession of the place, and well plundering it for five days, he was attacked in his turn by the Spaniards and Indians, when the Knight fled on board one of his vessels, and left the garrison which after defending themselves obstinately, repaired to their citadel, set fire to their magazine, and blew themselves up.—Among those destroyed, were several British officers of rank. McGregor has returned to Aux Cayes.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON. DEC. 23.

From England.

By the arrival at the Vineyard of the Brig Gen. Pike in 49 days from Falmouth, (Eng.) we have received London papers to Nov 8th.—The political news by this vessel, is not very important; every one was looking forward to the opening of Parliament with anxious enquiries, and some with positive anticipations of the measures to which ministers will resort in the present alarming state of the country. Those who pretend to be well informed on this subject—though perhaps by such statements they are only putting out their feelers—assert that something like the Irish system will be proposed, respecting the *disturbed* counties; that is, summary powers to be confided to the Lord Lieutenants, on the declaration of the Magistrates respecting the state of the counties respectively, to place them under Martial Law. The Press is also asserted, will experience some kind of muzzling—if the country can be brought to submit to it—or rather, if Ministers can carry the measure in Parliament; but some say, this will only extend to the *two penny* press, the weekly vessels of sedition and blasphemy. It is also said, that restraints of some description, will be put on the privilege which belongs to Britons to meet and discuss publicly any matter of grievance—perhaps of the same description as those in force a few years ago, when the sanction of a Magistrate, on the requisition of at least six respectable housekeepers, was an indispensable requisite.

A meeting of the Radicals was held in Finsbury Market-place, London, on the 1st of November, at the breaking up of which, many of the principal speakers were severely pelted with mud and stones.

Letters have been received from Mogadore, dated the 28th September which mention, that the plague, which had been for some time in the vicinity, had at length broken out in that town. We are happy to add however, that the deaths at that period were only three or four each day, and that it was then confined to the Moors, none of the Christians or Jews having fallen victims to the pestilence.

The advices from Spain to day are written in a much more dismal strain than those by the previous arrivals. They state, that the yellow fever was still increasing. At Cadiz on the 11th ult the cases of fever were 105; and at [illegible] the number was not much less. The only prospect the inhabitants had of being relieved from the distemper, was the approach of the winter season.

Private letters from Madrid, received this morning, express great apprehensions least the malignant fever which is now raging in the South West of Spain should penetrate to that capital. In one of these letters, dated October 21st, it is asserted that on that day two deaths from the fever actually occurred; but the fact was not distinctly ascertained.

We have received this morning the following letter from Liverpool, dated Nov 3:—"The Collector of this port has given orders that all vessels from the United States shall be placed under quarantine"

The following are the latest health reports received:—

Cadiz—On the 8th inst. 101 deaths 10,913 sick; on the 9th, 90 deaths 11 294 sick; on the 10th, 99 deaths 10,542 sick; on the 11th, 105 deaths 10,037 sick.

Port St. Marys—On the 7th inst. [illegible] deaths, 501 sick; on the 8th, 43 deaths 537 sick; on the 9th, 37 deaths, [illegible] sick; on the 10th, 50 deaths, [illegible]

San Fernando—On the 6th inst [illegible] deaths, 128 sick; on the 7th, 23 deaths 132 sick; on the 8th, 21 deaths [illegible] sick; on the 9th, 25 deaths, 90 sick

The Mercury.

NEWPORT,

Saturday, Dec. 25, 1819.

Very Late from England.

The Ship Herald, Capt. Fox, arrived at Boston on Thursday evening last, in the remarkable passage of *seventeen* days from Liverpool, bringing London and Liverpool papers to the 4th *instant*.

The Boston Palladium of Yesterday, contains the following extracts from the papers.

The British Parliament commenced its session on the 23d of Nov. The following are extracts from the Prince Regents Speech :—

" I regret to have been under the necessity of calling you together at this period of the year ; but the seditious practices so long prevalent in some of the manufacturing districts of the country, have been continued with increased activity since you were last assembled in Parliament.

" They have led to proceedings incompatible with the public tranquility, and with the peaceful habits of the industrious classes of the community ; and a spirit is now fully manifested, utterly hostile to the Constitution of this Kingdom, and aiming not only at the change of those political Institutions which have hitherto constituted the pride and security of this country, but at the subversion of the rights of property, and of all order in society.

" I have given directions that the necessary information on this subject shall be laid before you—and I feel it to be my indispensable duty to press on your immediate attention, the consideration of such measures as may be requisite for the counteraction and suppression of a system, which, if not effectually checked, must bring confusion and ruin on the nation.

" The necessity of affording protection to the lives and property of His Majesty's loyal subjects, has compelled me to make some addition to our military force ; but I have no doubt you will be of opinion that the arrangements for this purpose have been effected in the manner likely to be the least burthensome to the Country.

" Although the revenue has undergone some fluctuation since the close of the last session of Parliament, I have the satisfaction of being able to inform you, that it appears to be again in a course of progressive improvement.

" Upon the loyalty of the great body of the people I have the most confident reliance ; but it will require your utmost vigilance and exertion, collectively and individually, to check the dissemination of the doctrines of Treason and impiety, and to impress upon the minds of all classes of his Majesty's subjects, that it is from the cultivation of the principles of Religion, and from a just subordination to lawful authority, that we can alone expect the continuance of that divine favour and protection which have hitherto been so signally experienced by this kingdom."

On the 24th Nov. in the British House of Commons, the Address to the Prince Regent, echoing his speech, was debated, and the speeches occupy ten columns in the Times. An amendment, proposed by Mr. Tierney, was negatived. The yeas on it were 150, nays 331. Lord Castlereagh supported his speech, by laying on the table a great number of letters relative to the internal state of the nation.

On a motion of the Marquis of Lansdowne in the House of Lords, Nov. 30, for an inquiry into the causes of the distress in the manufacturing districts ; supported by Lord Erskine and Earl Grey, Lord Grenville opposed it warmly. Yeas 47, Nays 178.

In the House of Commons, Dec. 1, a bill introduced by Lord Castlereagh, to prevent seditious meetings, was read a 2d time. On Lord C's motion to go into committee upon it, there was a warm debate. The yeas were 351, nays 128.

Two bills, introduced by Lord Sidmouth, one to authorize a search for arms, and one to prevent reformers from drilling and training, were read a 2d time in the House of Lords, Dec. 1, after a long debate.

The training to arms had considerably increased, as well as activity in the procurement of fire arms, by the Reformers.

Mr. Cobbett's family had arrived in England, and the remains of Thomas Paine.

On the 20th of Nov. the French Parliament was opened by a Speech from the King, which represented the affairs of France as in a flourishing condition—and was received with acclamations.

CONGRESS.

By a reference to our Congressional journal, it will be seen, that this body proceed in their business with great despatch. The resolution relative to Slavery, has been referred to a Committee, who will probably soon make their report. The bill for the admission of the State of Missouri into the Union, has been postponed to the 2d Monday of January next.

On Wednesday last, the venerable WILLIAM ELLERY, Collector of this Port, and one of the four surviving Patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence, entered the 93d year of his age.

FROM CADIZ.

Capt Macy, arrived at New-York on Tuesday last from Cadiz, left there Nov. 4th, and informs, that the sickness there had rather abated, the deaths having decreased to from 65 to 80 per day. The whole number of deaths by fever was about 5000, and between five and six thousand remained sick. About a fortnight previous there were 12 or 13,000 sick and the deaths averaged 100 per day. The mortality was greatest among the foreigners.

The expedition for South-America was to sail from Cadiz the 1st of Jan.

TREASURY REPORT.

The Secretary of the Treasury communicated to Congress on the 13th inst his Annual Report of the state of the Treasury.—After giving the receipts and expenditures of the present year, the Secretary says :—

" The estimates of the expenditure for the year 1820 are not yet complete ; but it is ascertained from those which have already been received, that a sum not less than 27,000,000 dollars will be required for the service of that year.—This deficit of nearly 5,000,000 dollars, resulting from the excess of expenditure beyond the receipts, cannot be supplied by the application of the ordinary revenue. After paying the interest and reimbursement of the public debt, and redeeming the remainder of the Louisiana stock about 2,500,000 dollars of the sinking fund will remain without application if the price of the public stock should continue above the prices at which the commissioners of the sinking fund are authorized to purchase.—During the years 1821, 1822, and 1823, the average of 5,000,000 dollars of the sinking fund will also remain without application if the price of the public stock should prevent its purchase.—Any application of that portion of the sinking fund which, on account of the price of the public stock, may remain unemployed in the hands of the Commissioners of the sinking fund, to other branches of the public service, if allowable under the provisions of the act making the appropriation, would only postpone the period which additional impositions would be required to meet the public expenditure. Such an application would also have the effect of ultimately retarding the redemption of the public debt.

It may be proper to add, that, although some of the items in the estimate for the ensuing year may be considered in their nature temporary, yet it is probable that the expenditure for succeeding years will exceed rather than fall below it.

Under all the circumstances, it is respectfully submitted that the public interest requires that the revenue be augmented, or that the expenditure be diminished.

Should an increase of the revenue be deemed expedient, the deficit of the deficit may be supplied by an addition to the duties now imposed upon various articles of foreign merchandize and by a reasonable duty upon sales at public auction ; but it is not probable that any modification of the existing tariff can supercede the necessity of resorting to internal taxation, if the expenditure is not diminished. Should Congress deem it expedient to modify the present rate of duties, with a view to afford that protection to our cotton, woollen, and iron manufactures, which is necessary to secure to them the domestic market, the necessity of resorting to a system of internal taxation will be augmented. It is believed that the present is a favorable moment for affording that protection to that increasing and important interest, if it can be done consistently with the general interest of the nation. The situation of the countries whence our foreign manufactures have been principally drawn authorizes the expectation, that, in the event of the monopoly of the home market being secured to our cotton and woollen manufactures, a considerable portion of the manufacturing skill and capital of those countries will be promptly transferred to the United States, and incorporated in the domestic capital of the Union. Should this expectation be realized, the advantages resulting from such monopoly would quickly disappear. In the mean time, it is believed that the system of internal taxation would be sensibly felt by the great mass of our citizens.

Whether the revenue be augmented, or the expenditure be diminished, a loan to some extent would be necessary. The augmentation of the one, or the diminution of the other, cannot be effected in sufficient time to prevent this necessity. As the six per cent. stock of the United States is considerably above par, the sum required to be raised by loan can be conveniently and advantageously obtained by the sale of stock of that description ; or it may be obtained by the issue of treasury notes. If the revenue and expenditure shall be equalized, the issue of treasury notes, not bearing interest, is recommended in preference to the creation or sale of stock, as the loan in that event, will be small in amount, and temporary in its nature."

Vermont Murder.

The New-York National Advocate of Saturday last, says,—" It is known that Stephen and Jesse Brown, were convicted of murder upon strong circumstantial testimony, and ordered for execution. The man supposed to be murdered was called Russel Colvin, and after inquiries, it appears, that Russell Colvin is alive, has arrived in this city, and has for several years past resided in New-Jersey. The question then is, upon what testimony were these men convicted ? A gentleman from their neighborhood, relates the circumstances as follows :—Colvin was a man of inexperience, of little talent or capacity to earn his living, he married a sister of these Browns, who had to support him, and to whom he was very obnoxious.—Colvin was in the habit of straying away from his home, and keeping away a length of time—he took his final departure, and nothing was heard of him, or suspected of him, until the *dream*. It turned out that in a field of these Browns, a large hole was usually kept open for preserving potatoes during winter—it was suddenly closed. In this old hole a skeleton of a man was found, a barlow knife, bloody, and another knife rusty, lay along side of him. Colvin's wife declared that they had belonged to her husband—she swore also to the buttons on his clothes, and for the first time she suspected he had been murdered—the two Browns were arrested—the younger one was imprisoned, and in the same prison a man was confined who had been arrested on suspicion of forgery, but subsequently, was honorably acquitted ; to this man Brown confessed that he and his brother had murdered Colvin, and buried him in the potatoe hole—this confession was given in evidence against them which, together with other circumstances, led to his conviction. This is the story told us—Colvin is alive and these men are innocent—but to whom does that skeleton belong ? Some one was murdered in Brown's field, and secretly buried there—the two brothers, when quarreling, were frequently heard to threaten each other mysteriously.—The ways of Providence are hidden from us, and the discovery of Colvin's existence may lead to the knowledge of who the person was thus cautiously buried ; respecting whom, there is reason to believe, if our information is true, that the Browns know something of—another dream may be more conclusive.

NEW-YORK, DEC. 22.

Melancholly Occurrence.

Yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, as JAMES STOUGHTON Esq. son of the Spanish Consul, was walking up Broadway, he was met near the corner of Courtland street by Mr Robert M Goodwin, of Baltimore, when a rencountre immediately ensued between them which eventuated in the death of the former, on the spot, by a stab from a sword carried in the cane of the latter. The sword penetrated the heart of the deceased; who expired in about fifteen minutes. We are not sufficiently acquainted with the circumstances which has produced this catastrophe, to undertake to give any relation of them.

Mr. G left town immediately after the occurrence, but was overtaken at Elizabethtown, and brought back.

Commodore Bainbridge has published an order, under date of the 17th inst for all officers attached to the Columbus, 74 to join her with out delay.

Married,

At Washington (Miss.) on the 19th Oct. Mr. PETER SOUTHWARD, formerly of this town, to Miss ELIZABETH FISHER, daughter of E. Fisher, Esq of Danville (Ken)

Died,

At New-York on Saturday last, Mrs. ELIZABETH BAILEY, wife of Benjamin Bailey Esq formerly of this town.

WEEKLY ALMANACK

1819. December.	Sun rises.		Sun sets.		High water.		Moon sets.	
25 *Saturday,*	7	32	4	28	3	4	1	31
26 *Sunday,*	7	32	4	28	3	51	2	42
27 *Monday,*	7	32	4	28	4	39	3	53
28 *Tuesday,*	7	32	4	28	5	31	5	0
29 *Wednesday*	7	31	4	29	6	24	6	4
30 *Thursday,*	7	30	4	29	7	17	7	2
31 *Friday,*	7	30	4	30	8	18	rises.	

Full Moon, 31st day, 6h. 21 minutes in the Morning.

Marine List,

Port of Newport.

Dec. 25, 1819.

ENTERED,

Schooner Hope, Swett, New-York

CLEARED,

Brig Catherine, Wood, New-Orleans
Amazel, Sabbery, Wilmington
Schooner Baltic, Bailey, Bermuda
Hope, Swett, Halifax

Arrived on Monday last, Brig Bowdoin, Smith, 17 days from Havanna, with Sugars, bound to Bristol.

Brig Nereus, Easton, of this port, cleared at Philadelphia on Monday last, for Marseilles.

Brig Hiram, Jouvet, was at Mobile Nov. 26th.

Brig Hiram, Gale, cleared at Baltimore the 16th inst. for Surinam.

Brig Perseverance, Wilcox, arrived at New-Orleans in 21 days from this port.

Brig Stephen, Stanhope, arrived in Batavia Roads August 11th, from Marseilles.

Ship Amazon, Devens, arrived at Deal Nov. 10th, and sailed the same day for London.

LIST OF LETTERS,

Remaining in the Post-Office, Newport, R. I. Dec 25, 1819.

☞ Those who apply for Letters in this List, will say they are *advertised*.

ADAMS Joseph
Amevera Monsieur
Adams Ezra
Berry James
Brown George S
Butts Coggeshall
Boon & Stevens
Blackman Amos Y.
Batty Stephen
Bachellor John
Bodlow Isaac
Bliss Henry
Barker Ruth
Babcock Isaac
Burdick I.
Burroughs Wm. G.
Chapmon V Le Roy
Champlin C. G.
Church Betsey
Carpenter Martha
Cardal John
Cranston Benjamin
Cranston Mary
Cornell Oliver
Cornell Edward P.
Dyer Sarah
Dennis Peter
Douglass Joseph
Ellis Capt. Ephraim
Easton John 2 letters
Ellery Edmund T.
Freeborn Henry
Fish Abigail
Fisher Rufus
Fry Benjamin
Francis Charles
Gibbs & Channing
Gardiner Eliza F.
Gordon John
Giles William
Gardiner John R.
Gardiner Eliza R.
Greene Elizabeth
Gleason Sarah
Hunt Sarah
Hardie Mons. Peres
Hathaway Martha
Heath Records
Hayward Thomas
Hazard Patience
Hingham Fanny
Hall William
Harrington Charles
Johnson William
Keeppe Jeremiah
Kaull William
Simmons John
Lievra Augusta
Lecque Jas 3 let.
Lawton Joseph
Lawton Wm W.
Latham Richard
Moss Joseph
McNeal L. Wm.
Norton William
Nichols Caesar
Nucer James
Oliver Samuel
Pratt Capt Thomas
Potter Howard
Perry Lt James A.
Read Elizabeth M.
Rouzeau Mrs
Rider Mary
Romeau Monsieur
Read William R.
Rhodes & Cabeen 2
Robinson Henry
Rotan Monsieur
Ross Frederick
Reid Margaret M.
Stiles Joshua
Seguid Mons L.
Schmidt Mr F.
Stiles Joseph 2 let.
Stiles Eliza
Spooner Charles
Smith Capt Benj.
Snell Gilbert W.
Stall Elizabeth
Stanley Fanny
Spooner William
Stacey Hannah
Tompson John
Tanner Caroline M.
Thomas Mrs. Eliza
Troyarees Capt. S.
Vaughn Henry
Warren Asa
White William
Willson William
Wickly Mrs.
Williams Hannah
Wild widow Anstiss

JAMESTOWN

Aukin Joseph
Eldred John
Himes Mary
Watson Borden

MIDDLETOWN.

Brown William
Hathaway George
Rogers Ruth M.
Smith Jonathan

N. B.—If the foregoing Letters are not immediately taken up, they will be sent to the General Post-Office.

No credit will be given to any one on Postages of Letters, (those who take boxes excepted) after this date, nor none given by the penny-post.—No article will in future be delivered out of the Office (Printers only excepted) after the Office is shut, nor on Sundays.—These rules are indispensable, and will be rigorously enforced.

The Post-Master General having directed me to deposit the proceeds of this Office in the U. S. Branch Bank at Providence, and that Bank refusing to take in deposit any but U. S. Bills and those of the Banks in Providence, all Accounts at this office in future, therefore must be paid in those Bills, or bills of the Banks in this Town.

B. B. MUMFORD. *Post-Master.*

For CHARLESTON,

THE Sloop SUFFOLK CHARLES E. HAMMETT, Master, will sail about the 4th of Jan. next.—For Freight or Passage, apply to the Master on board, or to

JOHN J. ALLAN.
Newport, Dec. 25.

NOTICE,

THE Subscriber, Executor of the last Will and Testament of

DAVID BARKER,

late of Middletown, deceased, and having given bonds as the law directs, requests all persons having demands against said Estate to present the same for settlement, and those indebted to said Estate, to make immediate payment to

Christopher Barker, *Exec'r.*
Portsmouth, Dec. 24, 1819.

AUCTIONS.

On TUESDAY, Jan. 4th, 1820,

At XI o'clock A. M. will be Sold at Auction, on Channing's Wharf.

15 Hhds. of superior Jamaica SPIRITS.

ALSO, Immediately after, at the House of the late SILAS DEAN, *Esq.*

A Variety of Household Furniture.—Conditions at the Sale.

C. RHODES, *Auc'r.*
Newport, Dec. 25.

On TUESDAY, Jan. 4th, 1820,

At XI o'clock A. M. will be sold at Auction, on Channing's Wharf.

ONE-QUARTER Part of the Ship ARISTOMENES, now lying at said Wharf, to close a concern.—Conditions made known at the time and place of Sale.

Newport, Dec. 25

☞ LEGAL MASONIC NOTICE,

AT a Special Meeting of ST JOHN'S LODGE No 1. Newport on Thursday, Evening, Dec. 23d—" *It was Voted and Resolved Unanimously,* That the *Real and Antient* ST JOHN'S LODGE No 1, Newport, will celebrate the Feast of St John the Evangelist, on MONDAY, the 27th day of this present month, at 10 o'clock A M at the House of Brother *John A. Collins,* at which time and place the election of the Officers of said Lodge for the year ensuing, will take place in conformity to the 35th article of the bye-laws of said Lodge ; and it is directed that all the Members of said Lodge attend accordingly."

By order of R. W. BENJAMIN W. CASE, Master.

Attest, T R. PECKHAM, *Sec'ry.*
Newport, Dec. 25, 1819.

GREAT LUCK AGAIN !

At SHAW's Truly Fortunate Lottery and Exchange Office.

On Tuesday last, No. 8533

Came up a Prize of

One Thousand Dollars,

In the 2d Class of the Literature Lottery now drawing in the City of New-York, which number was sold by J C SHAW to a young Mechanic, in this Town.

Newport, Dec. 25.

Winter Arrangement of MAILS.

THE Western, Southern and Northern Mails closes every Morning, (Sundays excepted) at 9 o'clock A. M. and arrives the same Afternoons at 3 o'clock.

The Boston, Taunton and Eastern Mails closes every Evening, (Saturdays excepted, at 7 o'clock, and arrives every Evening (Sunday excepted) at 6 o'clock.

Office Hours from 7 to 10 o'clock in the Morning, and from 2 to 7 o'clock in the Evening.

B. B MUMFORD, *Post-Master.*
Newport, Dec. 25.

Ocean Insurance Company

THE Stockholders of the OCEAN INSURANCE COMPANY are hereby notified, that the Annual Meeting for the choice of Officers for the year ensuing, and the the transaction of such business as may then be necessary, will be holden at their Office on MONDAY, Jan. 3d, 1820, at 11 o'clock A. M.

By order of the President & Directors.
BENJ WIGHTMAN, jun. *Sec'ry*
Newport, Dec. 24.

Literature LOTTERY,

CLASS 3d.

SCHEME.

2 Prizes of $25,000

2	Prizes of	10,000
30	Do.	1,000
15	Do.	500
100	Do.	100
4875	Do.	20

This Lottery commences Drawing in New-York on the 23d day of May next.—Tickets may now be had at the following prices. viz :—

Wholes, $ 17—Halves $ 75
Quarters $ 4 50—Eighths 2

But will soon rise as this Lottery is considered very popular, and the Tickets are nearly all sold.

Much may be said in its favor—but as to tell the whole Truth would be called by some a *Puff*, it is best to let the Great Prizes speak for themselves.

JOHN C. SHAW,
Newport, Dec 25.

POETRY.

For the Newport Mercury.

ODE TO CHRISTMAS.

SEE! through the gloomy shades of Night,
What glorious burst upon the sight.
What radient beams, of light divine,
O'er Beth'lem's plains resplendent shine.

The wond'ring Shepherds trembling gaze,
At the approaching kindling blaze,
Sweet strains upon the breeze was heard,
When a seraphic form appear'd.

Prostrate. they fall, o'erwhelm'd with fear,
And thus, the herald's voice they hear;
"I come the messenger of Peace,
"And bid thy anxious fears to cease.

"From the abodes of bliss above,
"I come, the messenger of love;
"To you. I bring the joyful word,
"The *Saviour's* born, CHRIST, and your Lord.

"In David's town you there shall find,
"The Babe, who comes to bless mankind;"
He spoke—and from the realms of light,
Appear'd a host in spotless white.

All Glory be to GOD on high,
Sung the bright armies of the sky;
Let all on earth before *Him* fall,
For Christ the Lord, was born for ALL.

TABLE BEER.

John B. Lyon,

HAVING been appointed Agent of the Providence Brewery, for this Town, will keep constantly on hand, a supply of Strong and Table BEER, in whole and half barrels—Grocers and families supplied on the same terms, as at the Brewery

Newport, Dec 4

NICOLAS GEFFROY,

Has just received by the Sloop Invincible, from Richmond.

FLOUR of the first quality, warranted ground from new wheat, and direct from the Mill, and will sell it at a reasonable price,—this is the proceeds of a Cargo the production of our own soil, and Fish of our waters.—*He has also for Sale*, Soft Turpentine, spirits of Turpentine, and Mackerel by the Barrel

He keeps as usual,

An Assortment of Jewelry, Cutlery, Watches, Looking-Glasses and Looking Glass Plates, Picture Frames and Glasses of all sizes, Brass andirons, shovel and tongs; Combs, Pocket-Books, and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention—He manufactures as usual, Gold and Silver Ware, and gives the true value for old Gold, Silver and Copper, agreeably to its standard.—He generally keeps the above Articles, though seldom Advertises, and the prices are as low as my Neighbours—Apply to No 126, Thames-Street

Newport, Dec. 4 4w

Cundall's Mills,

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the public, that they carry on the Wool manufacturing business in all its branches—that their machines are now in complete repair—their long experience will therefore enable them to perform all the branches of Carding, Spinning, Weaving, coloring and finishing, all the various kinds of Woolen Goods, in point of color and finish equal if not superior to any establishment in this country. They guarantee to complete all orders in their line, as speedily and on as reasonable terms as at any establishment on this Island.

They have constantly on hand, at wholesale and retail, Sattinetts, Plains, Cassimeres, Flannels, &c which they are determined to sell at moderate prices

CLARKE & GRINNELL.

N B.—The following persons will receive all articles intended for their manufactory:—*Job Shearman*, Newport—*Sanford Almy*, Little-Compton—*Peleg Corey*, Tiverton—and *William Lawrence*, Bristol-Ferry.

Portsmouth, Nov. 10.

NOTICE.

WE the Subscribers having been appointed Executors to the last Will and Testament of

Col. THOMAS NOYES,

late of Westerly, deceased, and having given bonds as the law directs, hereby give notice to all persons who have demands against said estate, to exhibit them to us, and all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment to

James W. Noyes, Thomas Noyes. } *Ex'ors*

Westerly Oct. 16, 1819.

NEW GOODS

ISAAC GOULD

No. 176, Thames-Street.

Keeps constantly on hand,

AN Assortment of first quality Superfine Broadcloths and Cassimeres.

And has just added from the Auctions in New-York, second-hand and low priced Ditto for Surtouts.

Milled drab Broadcloths, for Great Coats

Brown Cambblet for gentlemen's coats.

Black silk Florentine, and an Assortment of fancy Vestings and Silk Velvets.

Black and buff single Cassimeres for ditto—low priced ditto.

Rich gilt coat and vest Buttons

Newest fashioned twist ditto

All the above Goods will be sold at reduced rates for Cash.

TO LET, and possession given immediately,

The Shop next door to the Subscriber.

Newport, Nov. 5

GROCERIES

JOHN WOOD, & Co.

HAVE taken the Stock and Store of SAMUEL F. GARDNER, deceased, No. 105, Thames-street, and now offer for Sale for Cash or approved credit, a complete assortment of Liquors and Groceries, among which are:—

Madeira	WINES.	Hyson	TEAS. Sugars.
Sic. Madeira		Young Hyson	
Sherry		Hyson-skin	
Lisbon		Pouchong	
Vidonia		Souchong	
Malaga		Loaf	
Port and		Lump	
Claret		Powdered &	
Cognac and Bordeaux Brandy		Brown	
Holland and American Gin		Chocolate	
Coffee		And Spices of all kinds.	

Together with a variety of other articles too numerous to particularize.

Ship and Family Stores put up at the shortest notice

Newport, Sept. 25.

Henry Gardiner & Co.

At the head of Channing's Wharf

Offers for Sale on reasonable terms.

THIRTY Hogsheads first quality 5th proof Jamaica RUM, pure as imported.

300 Barrels Mackrel, No. 1, 2 & 3.

50 Hhds. first quality Retailing MOLASSES.

30 Boxes Havanna Brown Sugar.

30 Hhds. New Rum.

New-York and Alexandria Flour.

Beef and Pork.

200 M. merchantable Pine Boards, of the first quality.

20 M. Clear Boards—200 Shooks

30 M. Pine and Spruce Timber.

Pine and Cedar Shingles.

10 M. Clapboards.

50 M. feet assorted pine and Spruce Joist.

ALSO,

A general Assortment of GROCERIES, by wholesale and retail.

Newport, Sept. 11.

Peleg Weaver,

At his old stand, No. 59, Thames street, one door north of Mr. Green Burroughs's.

WHERE he has for Sale, the following PAINTS, viz:—

White Lead (dry)	Bright Varnish
do. ground in oil	Copal do
Paris White	Japan do
Spanish do.	Gum Copal
do. Brown	Gum Shellack
Red Lead	Rotten Stone
Vermillion	Black Lead
English Yellow	Dutch Glue
Patent do	Lamp black
Chrome do	Paint Brushes of all sizes
American do	Tools and fitches of all sizes
Umber	Camel's hair Pencils
Rose Pink	White Wash Brushes
Verdigris (dry)	Window Glass of all sizes
do ground in oil	Putty, &c. &c.
Prussian Blue	
Gold Leaf	
Linseed Oil boiled and unboiled	
Spirits of Turpentine	

All of which articles will be sold on the most reasonable and accommodating terms.

N. B.—Painting and Glazing in all its various branches, carried on as usual.

Newport, March 20.

TO LET,

THE House and Lot in Broad-street formerly owned and occupied by Capt. *Nicholas Webster*—Possession given immediately.—The premises may be viewed, and terms made known by application to

RICHARD K. RANDOLPH.

Newport, Dec. 4.

NEW GOODS

☞ Please to Take Notice!!

India Cottons, 1 yard wide, at 8 cents a yard,

Flannels at 1s. a yard,

Ladies worsted Hose at 1s6,

Super Muslins at 20 cents a yard

Large size Handkerchiefs, from 1 to 2 cents each.

And to those who cannot buy at the above prices, it shall be given.

Wm James Tilley,

No. 124 Thames-Street,

HAS just Opened, Thirteen Bales and Boxes of GOODS, the principal part of which being purchased at Auctions for Cash will be sold low for that precious article.

Among them are;

One Bale of BROADCLOTHS and Cassimeres—One do. Plains and Kerseys—One do Duffils and Serges—One do Flannels—One do Blankets—One do Wildbores—One box Shirting Cottons—One bale Dutch Quilts—One do. India Cottons, good—One do. India Cottons, a little damaged—One do. 1 yard wide homespun sheetings—One do. Shirtings and Ginghams.

ALSO,

Ladies and Gentlemen's beaver, kid and silk Gloves	Russia and American diapers & damas
A complete assortment of Shawls	Packs and box pins and needles
Silk and Tabby Velvets	Riboons ferret and gallons
Levantines and Lutestrings	Guernsey frocks and draws
Italian and Canton Crapes	Brown and white linen
Bandano flag, black silk and cotton Handkerchiefs	Scotch and tartan Plaids
Worsted Hosiery	Cotton Threads, balls and floss
Long lawn & laces	Wire & Millinette
Sheer, mull mull & leno Muslins	Ladies habit but'ns
Jaconet and common cambrics	Paper and Ink-powder
A complete assortment of buttons	Fancy silk Hhd'fs
Also silk twist and thread	Russia Sheetings
Ladies Walking Shoes 6s a pair	Glass and brass lamps
A complete assortment of Vestings	Merino trimmings
Also, Calicoes and Ginghams	Silk Umbrellas
	Pelise Flannels & figur'd bombazets
	Colored Cambrics
	Tapes & bobbins
	Pearl shirt & chain buttons.

And many other articles too tedious to mention, all of which will be sold in proportion to the above mentioned prices

N. B.—W. J. TILLEY hopes the above Advertisement will not cause any weariness, but presumes it will stimulate those who wish to get their monies worth, to call and see for themselves.

Newport, Dec 1 3w

SPANISH DOLLARS.

THE Highest Premium will be given for Spanish milled DOLLARS, if offered immediately, by

J. C. SHAW.

Newport. Nov. 20.

TO LET,

THE South part of the House, with a Shop in front, late the Estate of *Clarke Cook*, with a privilege in the yard, cellar, &c.—For terms, apply at the R. I. Union Bank, to

JOHN L. BOSS, *Cashier*

Newport, Sept. 9.

BUFFUM'S

Improved Patent Water Proof HATS.

LIGHT, handsome, elastic and durable HATS, are constantly kept wholesale and retail, at the Manufactory near the Bank, in Smithfield, (R. I.)—At DANIEL COBB's, North row, Main Street, Providence, and by the Subscriber, No. 51, Bridge-Street, Newport.—Those who wish to purchase, are respectfully invited to call and see for themselves

STEPHEN BARKER, jun.

Wanted Immediately,

A smart active Lad, from 16 to 18 years of age, as an Apprentice to the Hatting Business.—Apply as above.

Newport, Oct. 2.

NOTICE.

WE the Subscribers, having been appointed by the Hon Court of Probate for the Town of Newport, Administrators on the Estate of

SILAS DEAN,

late of Newport, Merchant, deceased, and having given bonds as the law directs, hereby give notice to all persons having demands against said Estate, to exhibit them to either of us; and all persons indebted thereto, are requested to make payment.

WILLIAM ENNIS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER

Newport, Sept. 24.

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

Are just received and for Sale, at

No. 114,

Thames-Street,—By

ROBERT P. LEE,

Who weary with the stale cry of *Cheap, Cheap, Cheap*, respectfully invites the public to call and examine for themselves. They were bought wholly for Cash, and mostly at Auction, and can be sold for Cash only.

Among them are,

NAVY Blue, black, brown and olives, common and Superfine, BROADCLOTHS

Blue black, drab and mix'd double and single mill'd CASSIMERES

Olive, brown, black, crimson, snuff, puzzarine, cinnamon and scarlet BOMBAZETS

Black Do a complete Assortment, from 1s6 to 4s.

WILTONS from 1s to 1s6, almost every colour.

Black, red, white, yellow, green and crimson FLANNELS

ALSO,

Rose Blankets, 7, 8, 10 & 12-4	White cotton cambrics 4-4 and 6-4 from 1s6 to 5s6
Devonshire Kerseys	Jaconet and mull muslins
Black, white, red, and other color'd 8-4 Cassimere Shawls	4-4 and 6-4 Book Muslins & lenoes
Double mill'd fashionable Drab Broadcloths for great coats	Book muslin handkerchiefs
Petisse Cloths	Farmer plaids
Printed Flannels	Silk and metal buttons
Blue Plains	Ladies fine black beaver Gloves
Woolen Vestings, handsome patterns.	Olive beaver lined, and angola ditto
8-4 imitation merino shawls, very wide and handsome borders	Gentleman's real woodstock beaver and silk ditto
5-4 Black and French bombazin	Dark Mourning Ginghams for 1s
Sattinetts	Gentlemen's cravats
Black sinchews & Sarsenetts	India Cottons
Stout blue surtout Cloths	Cotton Crapes
Black Florentine & thick black Sattin	Black and white Italian ditto
Ladies & Gentlemen's black, drab, slate and mix'd worsted hose	Patent steam-loom and fine twist Shirtings
White and color'd lamb's wool hose and half hose	Red mill'd caps
Bandanno, flag and black silk Handkerchiefs	Ribbons & galoons
Cotton ditto, various kinds	Pack and pound Pins
Silk and tabby velvets	Blue black and assorted Patent Thread by the pound
Fine Calicoes from 1s to 2s6	4 American chex 1s9
Furniture Chints & copperplates	5 English ditto. 2s
7-8 and 8-4 heavy linen damask	Cotton floss, 2, 3, 4 & 6-threaded
5-4 Irish Sheeting	bleached American Sheetings, for 1s6
Russia Sheeting	Dark American Ginghams for 18 cents
Irish Linens from 1s9 to 5s6	Horn and Ivory Combs
Ravens Duck and dowlas linens	Ladies white Cambric handkerch'fs
English and Russia Diapers	White and color'd Lustrings
Long Lawns and linen cambrics	Best Italian sewing silk
Brown Linens	Italian braids
Knitt drawers	Inserting Trimming and carpet bindings, &c. &c.

LIKEWISE,

A fresh supply of the first quality white, blue mix and dark lead Knitting COTTONS, and -threaded.

Newport, Nov 6

NOTICE,

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of AVIS CARPENTER, Widow, late of Newport, deceased, are requested to present them to the Subscribers, and all those indebted to said Estate, to make immediate payment to

Martha Carpenter,
Frances V. Carpenter. } *Exec'x*

Newport, Dec. 4.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having Demands against the Estate of

JOHN FREEBODY,

late of Newport, deceased, are requested to present them to the Subscriber, and those indebted to said Estate, to make immediate payment to

GEORGE ENGS, *Adm'r.*

Newport, Dec. 11.

FLAXSEED

WANTED, from Five Hundred to One Thousand Bushels of FLAXSEED, for which Cash and the highest price will be given—Apply to

PELEG T. EASTON.

Newport, Sept. 24.

Wm. & J. H. Barber,

Have just received,

The Rhode Island Register. and United States Calender, for the Year 1820.—Price 37 1-2 Cents.

ALMANACKS for 1820.

and L S O,

Foolscap and Pot No. 1 & 2 Writing Paper.

Royal. Medium, and Demy Writing PAPER.

BONNET PAPER, by the Gross or Dozen.

Constantly on Hand,

A great Variety of

Ledgers, Journals, Waste, Invoice, Sales, Cash, and Record BOOKS,

Made of the best Paper, bound in superior manner and Paper Ruled.

☞ Old Books re-bound.

Just received,

An Assortment of Collins's Stereotype BIBLES, with Plates, at Prices from $5 to $10 each.

Dec. 18. 1819.

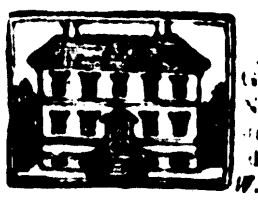
FOR SALE,

AN Elegant Dwelling HOUSE, Barn and outHouses, and half an Acre of Land situated in the centre of the town of Colchester, state of Connecticut, near Bacon Academy—Any Gentleman desirous of purchasing an elegant Country Seat, cannot but be pleased with this.—It was lately owned and occupied by ROGER BULKLEY, Esq. deceased, who authorized the subscriber (by Will) to sell the same—Possession will be given immediately.—Enquire of

DANIEL WATROUS, *Executor.*

Colchester, (Con) Nov. 9. 1819

FOR SALE



THE Dwelling House, and Garden adjoining, No 117, Thames-street, now occupied by Mr. *Thomas W. Brown*—Also, the Dwelling House and Garden next north of the above now occupied by Mr. *Thomas H. Mumford*—Both are excellent stands for business.—For further particulars and terms, enquire of the subscriber.

GEORGE C. MASON.

Newport, May 1.

Atheneum,

Or, Spirit of the English Magazines.

JUST published, The ATHENEUM; *Or, Spirit of the English Magazines*, for Dec 15th,

☞ Subscriptions for the above interesting Work, are received by the Subscriber, the Agent in Newport.

JOSIAH C. SHAW

Newport. Dec 18

JOSIAH C. SHAW,

Has for Sale,

THREE Hundred Reams Brown Wrapping PAPER, of a superior kind.

200 Reams of Writing Paper, consisting Drawing, Folio Post, Cap No. 1 & 2 and Pot No. 1 & 2. with a variety of ornamental and gold Paper, from the Manufactories of Hartford, Springfield and Taunton

ALSO,

The Rhode-Island Register for 1820.

And the Rhode-Island Almanack, by the Groce, Dozen or single.—Like all terms will be given to those who buy to sell again.

Customers are requested to call and examine for themselves.

Newport. Dec 1.

NOTICE.

ON the 27th day of this month, every Debt due the Estate of THOMAS HALSEY deceased, will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection

CHARLES WHITFIELD,
GEORGE C. SHAW } *Adm'rs*

Newport, Dec 18

NOTICE.

WE the Subscribers being duly appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate for the town of Newport, Commissioners to receive and examine the Claims against the Estate of

John Pearce,

late of Newport, deceased, represented insolvent, give notice, that six months from the date hereof are allowed the creditors to exhibit their claims, and that we will attend for the purpose of receiving the same, at our respective dwellings, during said period.

ELEAZER TREVETT,
JONATHAN T. ALMY } *Comm'rs*

All persons indebted to said Estate, are requested to make payment to

ELIZABETH PEARCE, *Adm'x.*

Newport, Dec. 4